GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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REPAIRING OF LOCOS AT BIKANER WORKSHOP
RAMESHWAR DUDI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rail coaches were manufactured in the Northern Railway workshop at Bikaner during the erstwhile princely state era;

(b) whether the said workshop has adequate land, trained and skilled labour force, infrastructural facilities and equipments;

(c) if so, the time by which repairing of broad gauge rail coaches and maintenance and repair work of rail engines would be assigned to the said workshop; and

(d) the time by which the said workshop is likely to be modernized ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Bikaner workshop was basically set up for overhauling of Meter Gauge (MG) coaches, wagons and locomotives.

(b) The total area of Bikaner workshop is 141226 Sq. Mts.With the rationalization of Periodic Overhauling activity, the workshop undertakes Periodic Overhauling (POH) of approx. 20 MG coaches per month.The workshop has skilled labour and infrastructural facilities for the same.

(c) The existing capacity for maintenance and repair of Broad Gauge rail coaches and engines is adequate on Indian Railways. Therefore, at present, there is no proposal to start such activity at Bikaner.

(d) The workshop, at present, has adequate capacity and infrastructure to undertake the work of Metre Gauge coach POH. Modernisation in terms of infrastructure facilities is a continuous process and such inputs are made as and when needed.